

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application.

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 1-27 were subjected to a restriction requirement.

By this Response to Restriction Requirement, an election without traverse is made.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT SUMMARY

The Examiner has required restriction of claims 1-27 to a single invention under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 372. Claims 1-27 were subjected to a Restriction Requirement as follows:

- Group I: claims 1 and 3-10, drawn to a method for reducing insulin and/or glucose plasma levels in a subject afflicted with diabetes, classified in class 514, subclass 866 or class 424, subclass 195.17;
- Group II: claims 2 and 11-18, drawn to a method for increasing HDL cholesterol levels in the plasma of a subject having low HDL cholesterol levels, classified in class 514, subclass 783 or class 424, subclass 195.17;
- Group III: claims 19-26, drawn to a method for treating atherosclerosis, classified in class 514, 824 or class 424, subclass 195.17; and
- Group IV: claim 27, drawn to a method for reducing the size of an atherosclerotic plaque or lesion, classified in class 514, subclass 824 or class 424, subclass 195.17.

RESPONSE

Applicants elect to continue prosecution of Group I, claims 1 and 3-10, without traverse. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

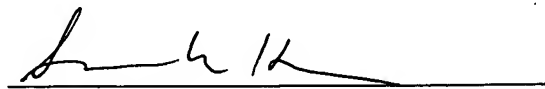
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for substantive examination. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for substantive examination, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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